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1. (Currently Amended) A method of administering a context management system that manages a context, comprising:

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configuring a subject data definition which defines a subject in the context using subject data that comprises a data item usable by a plurality of applications comprising at least a first application and a second application, the data item having a set of values comprising at least a first value corresponding to the first application and a second value corresponding to the second application, the set of values identifying the subject in the context, the value of the data item corresponding to the first application being exchangeable with the value of the data item corresponding to the second application when a user switches from the first application to the second application to retain the context.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
identifying one or more available context managers to administer.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein identifying further comprises:
pinging possible context manager addresses to find the available context managers.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
maintaining in [a] the subject data definition, information identifying which applications are allowed to access the subject.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
storing with each application a value which is a function of but not equal to a passcode for the application.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
encrypting the passcode to form the value.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

maintaining an inventory of applications whose context is managed.

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8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
maintaining a map relating User IDs to login identifiers formatted for each application in the inventory.
 9. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
configuring communication parameters for the available context managers.
 10. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
generating a status report for the system.
 11. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
intervening in a context management process.
 12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein intervening further comprises:
forcing an application out of a context.
 13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein intervening further comprises:
canceling a transaction in progress.
 14. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein intervening further comprises:
shutting down a context manager.
 15. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
communicating with a context manager using a hypertext transport protocol.
 16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the hypertext transport protocol is HTTP
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17. (Currently Amended) A context management and administrative system that manages and administers a context, the system comprising:
- a context manager; and
 - an administration suite for configuring a subject data definition, the subject data definition defining a subject in the context using subject data that comprises a data item usable by at least a first application and a second application, the data item having a set of values comprising at least a first value corresponding to the first application and a second value corresponding to the second application, the set of values identifying the subject in the context, the value of the data item corresponding to the first application being exchangeable with the value of the data item corresponding to the second application when a user switches from the first application to the second application to retain the context.
18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the administration suite further comprises:
- a context administrator; and
 - a context server.
19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the context server [further comprises] implements:
- a passcode service;
 - a user mapping agent (UMA) service; and
 - a lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP) service.
20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the LDAP service further comprises:
- a data storage module in which the passcode service stores encrypted passcodes and in which the user mapping agent service stores user-mapping data.
21. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the context server further comprises:
- a registry in which the context manager is registered.

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a configuration memory holding a common configuration used as a default configuration for the context manager.
